

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the Abstract is amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejection are respectfully requested.

I. Objection to the Specification

The Office Action objects to the Abstract due to informalities. The Abstract is amended to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,343,313 to Salesky et al. (Salesky). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, "a communication unit at the displaying device side that performs two-way communications with said terminals" and "an image data acquisition controlling unit that acquires image data from a relevant terminal in such a way that when it acquires image data from a relevant terminal by controlling said communication unit at the displaying device side, it instructs other terminals to suspend transmission, thereby suspending transmission of image data." Independent claim 10 recites, *inter alia*, "each of said computers has a network interface at the computer side which sends and receives packet data through the network to which it is connected" and "the controller at the projector side performs control in such a way that when it acquires image data from a specific computer, it instructs other computers to suspend transmission, thereby causing them to suspend transmission of image data, and acquires image data from said specific computer." Independent claims 2 and 6-9 recite similar features. The applied reference fails to teach or disclose these features.

The passage relied on by the Office Action for disclosing a communication unit corresponds with telephones. However, the present application requires that the

communication unit be connected to the terminals, and telephones cannot connect with those terminals. Furthermore, the passage of Salesky relied on by the Office Action for disclosing an image data acquisition controlling unit fails to disclose an image data acquisition controlling unit that instructs other terminals to suspend transmission. The conference server of Salesky controls data flow by itself. In other words, no terminal requests the suspension of the transmission of image data. Furthermore, no terminal accepts the request thus suspending the transmission of image data.

Furthermore, independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, "an image data output controlling unit that controls said communication unit at the terminal side in such a way that the terminal suspends output of image data when it is instructed to suspend transmission by said image data acquisition controlling unit and the terminal outputs image data when it is not instructed to suspend transmission." Claims 6, 7 and 9 recite similar features. The applied reference fails to teach or disclose these features.

The passage of Salesky relied on for disclosing an image data output controlling unit fails to teach or disclose an image data output controlling unit that controls said communication unit at the terminal side in such a way that the terminal suspends output of image data when it is instructed to suspend transmission by said image data acquisition controlling unit and the terminal outputs image data when it is not instructed to suspend transmission. Accordingly, Salesky fails to teach or suggest the recited features of claims 1, 2 and 6-10.

For at least these reasons, independent claims 1, 2 and 6-10 and the claims dependent therefrom, are patentable over the applied reference. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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